

## Transportation Advisory Committee

September 13, 2017, 7:15 pm to 9:15 pm, Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conf. room

Present: Wayne Chouinard, Seth Federspiel, Chuck Giroux, Mike Gordon, Pam Heidell, Brian Kmetz, Melissa Laube, Marjorie Moores, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Victor Rivas, Scott Smith, Laura Wiener

Missing members: Bill Copithorne, Jeff Maxtutis

Non-Members Present: None

**Administration.** Minutes of 7/12/17 approved unanimously. No correspondence received.

**Public Comments.** No members of the public were in attendance.

### **Town Issues.**

- Wayne provided updates on town construction, the Arlington Center Safe Travel Project, the Lake Street/Bikeway Signalization Design Review Committee meetings, the Mystic Street Bridge, and the Traffic Signal Prioritization Working Group. Wayne noted that the Mass Ave. East End Project contract has been closed. Howard asked Wayne to look into traffic backing up from Chestnut Street/Mystic Street to Mass. Ave. Wayne noted that the Town is evaluating changing the HAWK signal to a traffic signal at Swan Place.
- Corey wrote grants and is waiting to hear whether they were funded. With school starting, he had a meeting at Hardy School about traffic and pedestrian issues. In addition, the Safe Routes to School conference will be in Arlington in November.
- Laura commented that the Moving Together conference will be on September 28. She is also working on putting together a session on autonomous vehicles in November.

**Pedestrian Flags for Mass Ave at Varnum Street.** Scott recommended adding pedestrian flags on Mass Ave. at Varnum Street based on a previous request. TAC voted and approved the flags at this new location, provided that there would be a resident commitment to maintain the flags. Mike will install the flags once the commitment has been finalized.

**Town Day.** Marjorie described information that would be provided at Town Day. The Town Day booth staffing schedule was finalized.

**School Zones.** Only Ottoson and Gibbs Schools have not been approved for school zones so far. Marjorie is in the process of making recommendations for these two schools and will bring the recommendations back to TAC when they are drafted.

**Speed Safety Zones.** Corey shared the process for establishing speed safety zones. Speed safety zones must be set at 20 MPH and are intended to be in vulnerable areas. It is acceptable to have a speed safety zone in an area with an already established speed limit. He is also waiting for a clarification on the requirements for having an engineering study to establish a speed safety zone.

**Bike Share.** Seth reported on the progress to bring a bike share system to Arlington. The Town is waiting to understand Hubway's expectations for new communities, which are likely to be determined by the end of the calendar year. There is the potential for multiple new communities to join, which could result in group benefits. Arlington has also been approached by dockless bike share providers, which are currently able to start operating in the Town and would likely result in different operational patterns than the fixed-location bike share systems. The Town has drafted regulations related to bike-sharing and plans to present them to the Selectmen on September 25. The TAC voted to have the chairman draft a letter to the

Selectmen and Town Manager expressing the TAC's desire to have an opportunity to review any bike-sharing program before it is implemented.

**Safe Pedestrian Access at Bus Stops.** Wayne raised an issue related to installing landing pads in the grass strips at bus stops to improve accessibility and the implications for sidewalk requirements to provide for proper accessibility.

**Adjourned** at 9:45 PM.

- Meeting Materials:
  - Meeting Packet for July: Agenda 9/13/17; Minutes of 7/12/17; Individual Action List 9/13/17; Project List 9/13/17.
  - Memo to TAC from Wayne Chouinard, TAC Update Items, September 13, 2017.
  - Town Day 2017 Schedule and Staffing Plan.